



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 5477

LCO No. 4380

Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MAXIMIZATION OF FEDERAL
FUNDING FOR PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENTS
OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 17b-3 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2003*):

4 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services [is authorized to] shall do
5 all things necessary to apply for, qualify for and accept any federal
6 funds made available or allotted under any federal act for social
7 service development, or any other projects, programs or activities
8 which may be established by state or federal law, for any of the
9 purposes or activities related thereto, and said commissioner shall
10 administer any such funds allotted to the department in accordance
11 with applicable state and federal law. Not later than July 1, 2004, and
12 annually thereafter, the commissioner shall submit a report, in
13 accordance with section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the
14 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
15 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies and human services

16 which sets forth the amount of any federal funds applied for, qualified
 17 for, accepted and allotted and the purposes for which such funds are to
 18 be used. Such report shall also include an explanation of reasons
 19 contributing to the state's failure to qualify for federal funds. The
 20 commissioner may enter into contracts with the federal government
 21 concerning the use and repayment of such funds under any such
 22 federal act, the prosecution of the work under any such contract and
 23 the establishment of and disbursement from a separate account in
 24 which federal and state funds estimated to be required for plan
 25 preparation or other eligible activities under such federal act shall be
 26 kept. Said account shall not be a part of the General Fund of the state
 27 or any subdivision of the state.

28 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2003*) The Commissioner of Children
 29 and Families shall do all things necessary to apply for, qualify for and
 30 accept any federal funds made available or allotted under any federal
 31 act to enhance the development of children and youth, or any other
 32 projects, programs or activities which may be established by state or
 33 federal law, for any of the purposes or activities related thereto, and
 34 said commissioner shall administer any such funds allotted to the
 35 department in accordance with applicable state and federal law. Not
 36 later than July 1, 2004, and annually thereafter, the commissioner shall
 37 submit a report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general
 38 statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
 39 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the
 40 budgets of state agencies and human services which sets forth the
 41 amount of any federal funds applied for, qualified for, accepted and
 42 allotted and the purposes for which such funds are to be used. Such
 43 report shall also include an explanation of reasons contributing to the
 44 state's failure to qualify for federal funds.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2003</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Commissioners of Social Services and Children and Families to seek additional federal moneys to fund programs administered by said agencies, and to file an annual report with the human services and appropriations committees on the status of such endeavors.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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